GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:33
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2017
Assistance for Drought
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern States viz, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala have been affected by drought during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the major drought affected districts, Statewise;

(c) whether the Government has sent any Central team to visit the drought affected States to assess the losses and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received representations from various States seeking financial assistance to tackle the drought situation and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the amount released/to be released by the Government to these Southern States under the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) along with the status of utilisation of funds released to these States and the number of farmers benefited therefrom, State and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 33 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH JULY, 2017.

(a) & (b): The Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu declared drought and submitted Memorandum to the Central government for financial assistance during the period 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, as per details below:

State Year of declaration of drought and submission of Memorandum for assistance
Karnataka 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17
Kerala 2016-17
Tamil Nadu 2016-17

Details of districts declared drought affected by the state governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu during the last three years are indicated in Annexure-I. None of the States referred to above reported drought so far in 2017-18.

(c) & (d): Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) were deputed to Karnataka during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and to Kerala and Tamil Nadu during 2016-17 to carry out assessment of the drought situations in those years and requirement of financial assistance. The quantum of assistance provided to the three drought affected States from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) on the basis of IMCT reports is at Annexure-II.

(e): Statement indicating status of release of central share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu is at Annexure-III. The SDRF is available with the states to provide immediate assistance in case of notified natural calamities, including drought.

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Number of farmers benefited, as reported by the Government of Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, are indicated below:
State Year Number of farmers benefited
Karnataka 2014-15

2015-16
2016-17 6,29,394
46,43,475
23,09,379
Kerala 2016-17 22,955
Tamil Nadu 2016-17 25,35,195